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REMARKS

Claim 9 had been canceled without prejudice. Claim 10 has been amended to clarify the invention by replacing "effective" with --of 0.1-24 hours--. The term was used in Claim 9 which has been canceled. The remaining claims have been amended to depend on Claim 10, as a result of canceling Claim 9. No new matter or no new issue has been presented. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 2-3 and 6-9 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 2-3 and 6-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice, and the remaining dependent claims have been amended to depend on Claim 10. Thus, this rejection is no longer applicable. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection of 2-10 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 2-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner asserts that Claim 10 is vague and indefinite in the recitation of "for at least a time period effective to increase the yield of polyamines recovered in a subsequent recovery step by approximately 2-3.2" because the length of time intended cannot be readily ascertained. The word "effective" has been changed to --0.1-2.4 hours-- for clarification. The remaining dependent claims have been amended to depend on Claim 10. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 2-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice, and the remaining dependent claims have been changed to depend on Claim 10. This rejection is no longer applicable. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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